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Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will acknowledge with appreciation your invitation to appear before your Committee on either 11 or 12 December. It is planned that either Mr. Carlucci or I will represent the Agency. It would be my intention that whichever of us appears will address the subjects that you suggest, and possibly other topics as well.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director
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Dear Admiral Turner:

As you know, in September we conducted public hearings related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and in November we will complete similar hearings related to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Thus, by December, the Committee will have concluded its public hearings on the three basic investigative issues within the scope of its mandate: Who committed the assassinations, did they have help, and how well did the investigative agencies perform in response to the assassinations.

But, being a Congressional committee, left for completion in December will be our most important, and hopefully, our most productive task, namely, consideration of possible legislative recommendations. In order to have the greatest possible input from the federal agencies who have interests in, and would be affected by, any legislative recommendations that the Committee may wish to consider, I would like to invite you to appear and discuss such matters with the Committee either on December 11th or 12th. I am going to extend the same invitation to Judge Webster, Mr. Knight, and Judge Bell, and if possible, we would therefore hope to hear the views of the FBI, the Secret Service, the Department of Justice, and the CIA, devoting a morning or an afternoon to each, on those two dates.

Because these meetings are intended to provide a constructive forum for exploring possible beneficial legislation, the subject matter and focus should be forward looking. It would not,therefore, be the Committee's desire on those dates to focus upon the history of any Agency's performance in connection with the Kennedy or King assassinations, since by December, we will in fact have completed our inquiry into that

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history. Instead, our intended focus will be upon what, if anything, can now be done to prevent future assassinations, or should they occur, to respond to them most effectively.

In assisting you, if you desire, in preparing for such a discussion, my staff is prepared to meet with you or your staff in advance, and to provide an indication of some specific areas that the Committee feels may merit specific attention. And, of course, we would be most appreciative of any suggestions that you may have as to additional areas or recommendations that the Committee should consider.

I hope that you will be able to arrange your schedule to appear on December 11, and look forward to receiving your views and insights.

Sincerely,

LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

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